

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir. The defaulting Industries in Agra and Shikohabad are already closed and the operating industries are conforming to the norms and standards prescribed by the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Gujarat Co-Operative Milk Marketing Federation

2570. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation has recently commissioned a new dairy;

(b) if so, the details of additional capacity of milk production as a result thereof and the extent of Central assistance provided for the purpose.

(c) whether the Government are aware that pursuance of wrong economic policies by the Government in opening the doors to unregulated imports of milk products without any tariff have caused considerable damage to the Federation, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to ensure survival of this great indigenous industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) The Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation commissioned a new dairy near Gandhinagar in September, 1995.

(b) The new dairy can process ten lakh litres of milk per day. An amount of Rs. 105 crores was provided for the project under the Operation Food—III Programme.

(c) and (d). There has not been any substantial import of milk products into the country in the last few years. The position of availability of milk and milk products is reviewed periodically and the Exim Policy is decided accordingly.

Indian Veterinary Research Institute

2571. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total budget of Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) including externally funded project;

(b) the number of drugs produced in IVRI in 1990-91 and 1994-95 and also new vaccines, health drugs and diagnostics introduced into the market;

(c) whether the Rinderpest test kits are being imported from the foreign countries while IVRI and ICAR are capable of producing the same in the country itself, and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Rs. 2,960.18 lakhs.

(b) The number of drugs produced in IVRI in 1990-91 and 1994-95 are 31 and 26 respectively. These are related to Immunobiologicals (Bacterial vaccine, viral vaccines/diagnostics).

The new vaccines, health drugs and diagnostics introduced to the market are as follows :

Vaccines

- (i) Sheep pox cell culture vaccine
- (ii) Rabies Cell Culture Vaccine

Health drugs

Drugs against mange and ring worms

Diagnostics

- (i) Tuberculin PPD
- (ii) Johnin PPD
- (iii) Mallein PPD

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

Fertilizers Public Sectors Undertakings

2572. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether fertilizers public sector undertakings have failed to touch the funding targets.

(b) whether Department of Fertilizer has made desperate attempts to make good the shortfall in the investment outlays for Eighth Five Year Plan in the terminal year.

(c) whether the outlay plan period aggregating Rs. 5484 crore has been earmarked for 1996-97 whereas 62% of it was spent in the first four years.

(d) whether the planning commission has also approved the investment outlay plan; and

(e) the extent to which the fertilizer public sector units would be able to achieve the Eighth Plan targets set?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (e). The approved Eighth Plan Outlay for the fertiliser sector is Rs. 5484 crore. Out of this, the approved outlay for 1996-97 is Rs. 2670.02 crore. The total expenditure during the first four years of the plan, i.e. 1992-93 to 1995-96 is Rs. 2762 crore, which is 48.69% of the total Eighth Plan outlay. It is expected

that the actual total expenditure in the fertilizer sector in the Eighth Plan period would be more or less equal to the Eighth Plan outlays.

Production of Groundnut

2573. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the States producing groundnut and the annual production of groundnut in these States during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the production of groundnut has declined during the current financial year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of steps taken to assist the groundnut growers for increasing the production thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) A Statement is enclosed.

(b) and (c) The production of Kharif groundnut has been estimated at 62.7 lakh tonnes during 1996-97, which is higher in comparison to the production achieved (56.36 lakh tonnes) during Kharif 1995-96.

(d) To increase the production of groundnut, the assistance provided to the groundnut growers through the implementation of Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP). The assistance is given on the production and distribution of seeds, distribution of minikits, sprinkler sets, gypsum and pyrites, improved farm implements and rhizobium culture. In addition, the Frontline and General Demonstrations are also organised on the farmers' fields to disseminate the production technology.

STATEMENT

The year-wise and State-wise production of Groundnut during the last three years

(000 Tonnes)

S No	State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	2545.7	1772.6	2426.0
2	Bihar	4.9	4.7	4.0
3	Gujarat	676.6	2380.1	1027.0
4	Haryana	1.7	1.8	2.0
5	Himachal Pradesh	0.4	0.4	-
6	Jammu & Kashmir	0.2	0.2	-
7	Karnataka	1198.9	953.5	889.0
8	Kerala	9.5	9.1	13.0
9	Madhya Pradesh	275.0	229.2	291.0
10	Maharashtra	769.2	628.7	679.0

1	2	3	4	5
11	Orissa	114.0	96.4	95.0
12	Punjab	9.0	8.0	8.0
13	Rajasthan	209.3	196.2	164.0
14	Tamil Nadu	1865.6	1844.8	1912.0
15	Tripura	2.2	2.2	-
16	Uttar Pradesh	119.4	100.3	107.0
17	West Bengal	21.1	21.1	29.0
	Others	6.2	5.8	7.0
	Total	7828.9	8255.1	7653.0

Criteria for Defining Freedom Fighter

2574. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria for defining a "freedom fighter" for making the person eligible for getting various benefits and privileges under the "Freedom Fighters Pension";

(b) the facilities, privileges and concessions available to the freedom fighters and the total financial outlay therefor;

(c) the total number of "freedom fighters" availing these benefits;

(d) whether there are any outstanding claims of pension still pending clearance with the Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 a person who had undergone a minimum period of six months imprisonment, internment/externment, abscondence (under-ground) against an executive action of the Government, in connection with his participation in the Freedom Struggle is entitled for consideration of grant of pension. Other types of suffering such as loss of Government job, confiscation/attachment of property, 10 strokes of whipping or canning, permanent incapacitation due to lathi charge have also been recognised for the purpose of grant of pension.

(b) Details of various facilities that have been extended to the freedom fighter pensions by the Central Government are indicated in the statement enclosed. During the current financial year a budgetary provision of Rs. 190 crores has been kept to meet the expenditure on account of payment of pension and other benefits.

(c) Ever since the inception of the Scheme, the freedom fighters' pension has so far been granted in 1.62 lakhs cases. No separate statistics are being maintained about the number of freedom fighters who are actually availing the pension and other benefits at present.